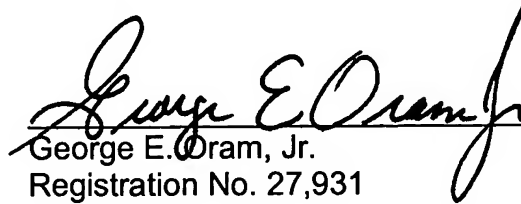


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-15 are cancelled and claims 16-27 are added to place this application into better condition for examination. No new matter is added.

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